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To: SCHULZ Martin, President
Subject: Letter on 1991 barricades in the Baltics - 25th anniversary

Dear Mr. President!

25 years ago, in January 1991, people of Lithuania and Latvia paid with their lives for freedom as Soviet military launched a bloody attack on unarmed civilians. Also Estonia experienced the time of barricades.

Heroism of the people who peacefully resisted the aggression paved the way for disintegration of the Soviet empire several months later and to reunification of Europe.

25 years ago Baltic people showed to the whole world that unity and values can overcome even the most brutal force. This also holds true in today's Europe.

As the events in Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius have contributed to the building a united Europe we believe, Mr. President, that their anniversary merits a mention in your opening remarks at the plenary of the European Parliament in Strasbourg and we encourage you to do so.

Sincerely,

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